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WHAT'S HAPPENING

DIRECTOR HILFINGER MOVING TO MEDC

Governor Snyder and Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) CEO, Mike Finney, have asked LARA Director, Steven Hilfinger to join MEDC as the Chief Operating Officer.

Director Hilfinger will begin his new assignment with MEDC on December 10th. In the interim, Steve Arwood, LARA Deputy Director, will be the acting LARA Director.

GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS) INITIATIVE WORKSHOPS

The MIOsha Consultation Education and Training Division (CET), with co-sponsor support from The American Society of Safety Engineers-Lansing Chapter, will be providing five half-day workshops that will highlight the revisions to the hazard communication standard including new requirements for hazard classification, labeling, safety data sheets, and employee information and training. The scheduled dates are:

December 7, 2012 – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, Lansing
Conference Room A, 9:00 am – 11:30 am

January 17, 2013 – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, Lansing
Conference Room A, 9:00 am – 11:30 am (Session 1), 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Session 2)

March 5, 2013 – State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, Lansing
Conference Room A, 9:00 am – 11:30 am (Session 1), 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (Session 2)

This is a free workshop but ALL attendees must register. A link to registration information can be found on the MIOsha website by clicking [here](#). Additional workshop dates are being scheduled and information will be posted on the MIOsha website as it becomes available.

VARIANCES

Variances from MIOsha standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOsha variances are published on the MIOsha News website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariations.

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Over 300 safety and health DVD/Videos are available on a free-loan basis. Requests can be made by phone at (517) 322-2633, email mioshavideos@michigan.gov or fax (517) 322-3219.

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FIELD SANITATION

Did you know that Michigan leads the nation in the production of 17 agricultural-related commodities including blueberries, tart cherries, and various flowering flats, pots, and baskets?

The planting, cultivating, and harvesting of many of these products is often labor intensive requiring many operations to be performed by hand. The lack of potable drinking water, toilet facilities, and hand washing materials (especially during peak planting, harvesting, and hot weather periods) available to employees engaged in hand labor operations can result in serious illnesses, including those resulting in fecal-borne diseases and heat stress-related illnesses. Such hazards are addressed through the enforcement of the MIOSHA agricultural standard, Part 500, *Field Sanitation*, and prompt, targeted enforcement is critical when informed of such hazardous conditions.

To more effectively utilize resources and to respond in a more efficient manner to agricultural-related employee complaints and referrals, in 2008 the General Industry Safety & Health Division adopted a special enforcement program. This program, MIOSHA Division Instruction, GISHD-STD-08-1R2, *Field Sanitation Standard Enforcement Procedures*, provides for the prompt scheduling, conduct, and correction of field sanitation hazards at the earliest given opportunity.

If you or your clients should have any questions or concerns regarding field sanitation practices, feel free to contact the Grand Rapids District 1 health office at 616-447-2650.

MEDIA

November 2, 2012 – [MIOSHA and Operating Engineers Local 324 Journeyman & Apprentice Training Fund, Inc. Sign Alliance to Protect Workers](#)

November 14, 2012 – [Walsh Construction Company and Supporting Partners Sign Partnership with MIOSHA to Ensure Worker Safety during the Renovations of the Ann Arbor Waste Water Treatment Plant](#)

November 15, 2012 – [MIOSHA and the Health Care Association of Michigan \(HCAM\) Form Alliance to Protect Long-Term Care Workers](#)

November 30, 2012 – [MIOSHA and the American Society of Safety Engineers' Michigan Chapters Renew Alliance to Protect Workers and Enhance Safety](#)

All of the MIOSHA Press Releases can be viewed from our [website](#).

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS/MEMOS ISSUED

October 31, 2012 – MIOSHA-STD-08-4R1 – [Enforcement Procedures for Substance Specific Expanded Occupational Health Standards](#)

October 31, 2012 – MIOSHA-MEMO-COM-12-4 – [Nursing and Residential Care Facilities – National Emphasis Program \(NEP\)](#)

November 13, 2012 – MIOSHA-MEMO-ADM-09-7R2 – [MIOSHA Emergency Response Team \(ERT\) Written Exposure Control Plan](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 12, 2012 –General Industry Safety Standards Commission Meeting, 9:30 am State Secondary Complex, General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing – Conference Room B

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